

The JCST Trainer Survey

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How often is the JCST Trainer survey run?**
Every two years. Assigned Educational Supervisors will receive an email, when the survey opens, with an invitation to complete the survey. You should only complete the survey once every two years. The survey will be open for 10 weeks.
- 2. How do I access the survey?**
The survey can be accessed via Survey Monkey. There is a link to the survey included in the invitation email. If you did not receive an email please check your 'junk'/'spam' folder or contact qa@jcst.org.
- 3. How long does the survey take to complete?**
The survey should take 5 minutes to complete.
- 4. Do I have to answer the survey?**
We are very grateful to you for taking the time to complete the survey – it is not compulsory. The JCST trainer survey is specific to surgery and your feedback is vital in helping us to assure the quality of training

If you are not a current Assigned Educational Supervisor, there is no need for you to complete the survey.
- 5. Who developed the survey questions?**
The survey was developed by the JCST, in conjunction with the QA leads for the Specialty Advisory Committees and Training Interface Groups. We review the survey questions every two years and are always pleased to receive feedback and suggestions for improvement.
- 6. What does the survey cover?**
The 2025 survey has 29 questions covering the themes: General Information, Personal Experience/Training, Support for the Role, and Specific Training Activities.
- 7. What are my answers used for?**
The answers you provide to the survey questions are used to assess the overall quality of surgical training. We explore topics of particular concern to surgical trainers and report our findings to the GMC, to Schools of Surgery, to Deaneries and local offices.
- 8. What is the response rate do you hope for?**
A survey in 2025 had a response rate of 17.9% - 4055 trainers were invited to take part. (2023 had a response rate of 26.9% - 3720 trainers were invited to take part.)

9. Who can see my answers?

Individual answers will be collated into an overall report. All individual reports will be kept anonymous.

The collated results of the 2025 survey will be presented to the QA Group in autumn 2025. Then a report of key findings will be shared with Training Programme Directors, Heads of School, Deans, JCST committees and published on the JCST website <https://www.jcst.org/quality-assurance/trainer-survey/> .

10. Is the survey anonymous?

Your name does not appear on the report and your confidentiality will be protected within the legislative confines of the GDPR.

If you have any queries about the trainee survey, please contact the Quality Team on qa@jcst.org.

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY – YOUR RESPONSES ARE
IMPORTANT TO US.**